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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GUTCH, 131, Holborn Hill. E. C. BATES, BRADY & CO., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

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CHINA:—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMPBELL, Amoy, GILLES & CO., ZHOUSHAN, HONGKONG & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., MANILA, O. HENNESSY & CO., MACAO, L. A. PA. GREGG.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE:—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENCY:—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES:—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the offices.

CHIEF DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman:—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
Deputy Chairman:—AD. ANDER, Esq.
J. F. CORBET, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MCLIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREGG, Esq.
Manager.
Shanghai, EWEY CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREGG,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HONGKONG

HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1876.

THE ANNUAL Flower, Fruit, and Vegetable Show will be held in the PUNGA GARDENS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th instants. Open to Visitors on each day at 2 p.m. Intending Exhibitors are invited to send Plants in Pots on the 17th instants, and Vegetables and Cut Flowers, before 10 a.m. on the 18th instants. By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of R. M.'s 25th Regiment, the Band will play. Tickets obtainable at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'s, 17, by Payment at the Gate.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1619

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. J. V. V. SHAW to sign my name per procurationem.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. de CHAMBERLAIN will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors.

O. BERTRAND.

Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. SIDNEY DRACON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1876. 1607

NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, January 1876. 1618

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Haoul. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELLIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, February 3, 1876. 1608

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the 1st day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked on the covers, "Tenders for Army Contracts," will be received by the Undersigned until Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., for the undermentioned SUPPLIES AND SERVICES required by the War Department at Hongkong and Outposts, during the year from the 1st April, 1876, to the 31st Mar., 1877, viz:—

- 1.—For Her Majesty's Troops:—Provisions, Fuel and Light, &c., &c.
 - 2.—For Hospitals:—Provisions, Wines, Porter, Ale, Spirits, &c., &c.
 - 3.—Washing and Repairing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing; Repairing Utensils.
 - 4.—Cleaning the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments, and other Scavengers' work; also Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c.; Sweeping Chimneys, Flues and Stove Pipes.
 - 5.—Cleaning Nullahs.
- There will be separate Tender for each of the five items. No tender will be accepted from any person in Government employ.
- Specimens of certain of the articles required, in accordance with which supplies must be furnished, can be seen at this office; where also Forms of Tender (no other than those issued by the Department will be recognized), conditions of contract, Specification and plan of the Scavenging Contract; and any further information that may be required, can be obtained upon application between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

C. R. SHEERVINTON,

Lieut.-Colonel, Assistant Controller,
Control Office,
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHRAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1876. 1615

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors, and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1628

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1629

WANTED, to CHARTER, a VESSEL to carry 300 to 500 Tons large Tassima Coal, either from Hongkong or Nagasaki to Providence Bay, Bohol's Straits, in Lat. 64 deg. 22m. 30.7s. S., Long. 173 deg. 14m. 15.5s. W. To arrive about 15th June.

Shippers cannot be received after 21st instant.

For Particulars, apply, between 9 and 11 a.m., to

Captain NOVOSILSKY,

H.R.M.S. "VESADNIK."

Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1622

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or 8% per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after THURSDAY, the 27th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, (will be absent at Canton for a few days from the 28th instant.)
Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

OFFICERS' MESS, 28TH REGT.

THE Officers 28th Regt. will not hold themselves responsible for any Debts contracted by their Messman.

By Order,
FRANCOIS E. WEBB,
Capt. & Mess President.

Murray Barracks,
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1623

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.
AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANGHAI.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 691.—Situated on the Bon-ham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$72.75.

FARM LOT 17, POKOCHU, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$26.

AT KOWLOON:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Redeemed Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

Lots No. 6 and No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round; Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outchouses.

Area 1,064 Tatsoos of 33 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.70.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floor Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Tatsoos.

Ground rent, \$154.07 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or for further information, to be made to

J. WHITFALL,
T. G. LINSTED,
Trustees of A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,
39, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

SOME very superior OLD PORT WINE, just received, in cases of One or Two Dozen bottles each.

Apply to
J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 161

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., &c.

THE French "OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and BANGOR, Will give their last Performance but one, on

This Evening.

February 17th, 1876.

"Mr. Chouffeur restera chez lui le 16."

Operette Bouffe, Music by Offenbach.

Chouffeur,.....Mr. Pontet

Babilas,.....Mr. Legros

Kristine,.....Madame Dorika

"LES NOUVEAUX DE JEANNETTE."

Opera Comique Music by Victor Massé.

Jeanette,.....Madame Doyenne

"ADMIRATION," Drama Circle and Stella, &c.

Back Seats, \$1.

Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KUBER & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE THIRD CONCERT of the Season will be given in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY EVENING, February 22nd, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY Next.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1620

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 18th February, 1876, at Noon,—

Sauces, Pickles, Sardines, Files, Vases, Penholders, Lamps.

25 cases Swaine, Board's Old Tom.

25 cases Jules Robin & Co.'s Cognac.

25 drums Turpentine.

100 boxes Window Glass.

100 Long Enfield Rifles.

Red Copper Sheets.

Iron Plates.

Sheet Zinc and Sheet Lead.

100 casks Portland Cement.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1876. 1618

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO-

NIAL MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE, PIANO,

&c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 26th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idle Wild," owing to change of residence,—

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Cases, Dining Table, Side Board, Whatnots, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

&c., &c., &c.

A Cottage PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. 1625

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK

PHETON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, CAMELLIAS, ROSES, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD,

The Residence of the Honourable T. O. HAYLLAR, Esq.,—

The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

Handsomely Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Marone Morocco Covered COUCHES and CHAIRS, Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES, and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu CHEFFONIER, and Japanese CABINETS, Handsome Mantelpiece MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, OHROMOLITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPETS, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Gasaliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porcelain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whatnots, Chairs, Clocks, Fluted Candlesticks.

Handsome Gilt BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Glasses, Crystal Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps.

&c., &c., &c.

A GRAND PIANO by J. Broadwood & Sons, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PHETON, by Henry, with a pair of WHITE PONIES, and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Catalogues

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises, Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas, Fancy Dress materials of all kinds, Wool Plaids and Flannels, Silks and Poplins, Wool Shawls and Cloaks, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets, Fancy Wool Goods, Lace and Linen Sets, Scarves and Sashes, Boys' Suits, Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

Intimations.

HOTEL DES COLONIES,
SHANGHAI.

LES Propriétaires de l'Hotel des Colonies ont l'honneur d'informer M. M. les Voyageurs qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont la haute renommée est si bien connue, une nouvelle maison, attenante, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres splendides réunissant tout le confortable, des Salles de Bains, &c., &c., Volumes à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billard et la Barre sont complétement séparés de l'Hotel ce qui est une sécurité pour le bien être des visiteurs.

Les soins les plus minutieux apportés dans tous les services sont une garantie pour M. M. les Voyageurs dont le patronage est sollicité.

A. SOISSON & Co.,
Propriétaires,
Shanghai, le 10 Février, 1876. m015

TENDERS are invited up to the 18th Instant, at Noon, for Hauling up for Examination and making the necessary Repairs to the British Barque *James Vintcomb*. Also for the supply of such Yellow Metal and Nails (Vintcomb) as may be required.

Apply to
Capt. MOPHERSON,
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. f019

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. LORD OF THE ISLES,

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, by Mr. A. MOIVER, into the Godowns of Messrs Gilman & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. f022

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA,"
TICHOSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG
VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under- signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 16th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. FUSTAU & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 16, 1876. f024

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. S. **STENTOR,** FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Under- signed not later than the 20th Inst., for shipment per S. S. *Stentor*. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**
Agents,
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. f020

BRITISH BARK MARINA,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship
"ULYSSES"

will be despatched at Noon, TO-MORROW, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. f018

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS"

Captain BURNIE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. f020

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.
"MALACCA"

will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the *Teheran* with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for
NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.
"TEHERAN"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

TENDERS are invited up to Noon of the 21st Instant, for the Removal of the Old Foremast of the "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," and for Replacing it by a New One.

Apply to
THE BORNEO Co., LIMITED,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. f021

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediter-
ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;

Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *GOLCONDA*, Captain C. ANDERSON, with Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Cargo, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places, on THURSDAY, the 18th March, at Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon; SPEOPLE and PARCELS at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 1st Idem.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe, through Suez, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. m02

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 17, *Ulysses*, British steamer, 1260, Kyle, Nagasaki Feb. 12, Coals.—JARDINE, Matheson & Co.

Feb. 17, *Haydnah*, Russ. man-of-war, 1,000, Tiflis, Canton 17th.

Feb. 17, *Messa*, Brit. str., 687, Johnson, Saigon Feb. 11, Kloe.—HOP KAN.

Feb. 17, *Cunghing*, for Singapore, &c., 17, *Suyai*, for Yokohama.

17, *Lombardy*, for Shanghai.

17, *Rajah*, for Swatow.

17, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.

17, *Riga*, for Swatow.

17, *Pardo*, for Saigon.

17, *Esapona*, for Saigon.

17, *Peking*, for Canton.

17, *Peng-chao-hai*, for a cruise.

DEPARTURES.

China, for Shanghai via Ningpo, 17, *Suyai*, for Yokohama.

17, *Lombardy*, for Shanghai.

17, *Rajah*, for Swatow.

17, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.

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CLEARED.

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17, *Lombardy*, for Shanghai.
17, *Rajah*, for Swatow.
17, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.
17, *Riga*, for Swatow.
17, *Pardo*, for Saigon.
17, *Esapona*, for Saigon.
17, *Peking*, for Canton.
17, *Peng-chao-hai*, for a cruise.

ARRIVED.—Per *Ulysses*, 640 Chinese, for Singapore, and Penang.
Per *Amoy*, 2 cabin, 1 European deck, and 44 Chinese.
Per *Messa*, Mr and Mrs Falcon and family, and 10 Chinese.
DEPARTED.—Per *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, Mr John Heppell; for Foochow, Mr C. S. Haden.
TO DEPART.—Per *China*, Mr Hoar.
Per *Bellona*, for Shanghai, Dr Stoch.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer *Ulysses* reports: moderate N.E. winds and thick weather. The British steamer *Amoy* reports: first part foggy weather, latter part fresh N.E. winds and hazy.
POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS WILL CLOSE:—
For SINGAPORE, SOMERSET COOK, BOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOW, ROCKHAMP, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TAMBORA, AND MELBOURNE.
Per *BOWEN*, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, the 18th Inst.
For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—
Per *CHINA*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th Instant, instead of as previously notified.
For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON.—
Per *ULYSSES*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th Instant.
For SAIGON.—
Per *ALTONA*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th Inst.
For SINGAPORE & RANGOON.—
Per *BURMERE*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th Inst., instead of as previously notified.
For OOKTOWN.—
Per *NAMOA*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th Inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—
Per *DOUGLAS*, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 19th Instant.
For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—
Per *CASSANDRA*, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 21st Instant.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *DIEMNAH*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 24th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles: to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 23rd.—
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
Hongkong, February 10, 1876. f024

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *ORANIC*, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 9 a.m. with the Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence inadequately prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packet.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama, and the United States must be superscribed per *Oranic*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via San Francisco."

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. m1

General Memoranda.

Saturday, Feb. 19.—
Noon.—*Namoa* leaves for Cooktown (direct).

Noon.—Tenders for Army Contracts received by the Assistant Comptroller.

Tenders for the Repairs of the British Barque *James Vintcomb*, will be received by Capt. Mopherison up to Noon.

2 p.m.—Horticultural Show.

Sunday, Feb. 20.—
Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Ulysses* leaves for London.

Noon.—*Bowen* leaves for Cooktown, Sydney and Melbourne.

Auctions.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale, by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Miscellaneous.

2 p.m.—Horticultural Show in Public Gardens.

Dividend of \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125 of H. K. & S. Banking Corporation, payable at the Bank.

Meeting.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.55 p.m.

DEATH.

At East Point, on Wednesday, the 16th Inst., at Midnight, Mr SAMUEL EASTON, Engineer.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1876.

THE *Overland Mail* has a somewhat stirring article on the subject of the Tonnage dues, and draws attention to the way in which the moneys received under that head have been diverted from their proper object by the Chinese authorities. We can answer one question it puts, however, though the answer we fear will not do much towards clearing up the matter. The writer says,—

We know that a certain amount has been expended on the erection of beacons and lightships, and the distribution of buoys and lightships—matters on which consuls and superintendents of customs are supposed to consult together as occasion may demand, though we fear that this provision of Lord Elgin's treaty, like many others, is more honoured in the breach than in the observance; but where does the mighty credit balance go? It is certainly not spent in dredging harbours, and more particularly bars—as a large portion of it decidedly ought to be; for tonnage dues, after payment of reasonable expenses, should in one way or another be wholly devoted to the service of navigation.

Well, the "mighty credit balance" goes into the provincial treasuries, and as a rule we fancy stops there—until the provincial officials make use of it. Every now and then some account is ordered to be paid out of the tonnage dues—fund, and it is paid accordingly. But the bulk of the money is either expended in paying officials, or finds its way by an indirect route to Peking. No doubt this ought to be accounted for. But we fancy that the *Overland Mail* overlooks the creditable amount of work which has been done by the Lighthouse department since Mr Hart took the matter in hand. So far as we can estimate, about one half of the dues have, since the return of Mr Burlingame's mission, been honestly expended in maintaining the staff, keeping up three gunboats, erecting lightships and beacons and laying down buoys. This, of course, is only half the work. Bars have yet to be dredged, and a good deal has yet to be done in other ways. But it is only fair to recognize to the full extent what has already been accomplished.

One point is entirely lost sight of by our home contemporary. "It is," it says, "almost incredible that the Chinese should have been allowed to leave matters in this disgraceful state for so many years." Not so incredible as it seems, if it be recollected that China does not want either our ships or their tonnage dues, or the improvements to which the latter should be devoted. We are not here contending with the mere inertia of native laziness. The opposition is even deeper than that arising from aversion.

Even supposing us offered to bear all the cost, we doubt if China would willingly consent to dredge her bars and aid navigation to the fullest extent. It is not merely a question of money. The astute Chinaman is perfectly well aware that the Wusung and Taku bars form natural defenses against large draught vessels of war, and memorials to that effect have already been published in the *Peking Gazette*. This fact must be remembered in dealing with the question of the appropriation of the tonnage dues. Still there is much in the article under notice that will commend itself to public attention, and we shall be glad if it has some effect. It is yet possible that if reform does not take place, foreign vessels will refuse to pay the dues, and that such action will be sustained by our authorities.

"No great object," said an old diplomatist, "was ever achieved without enthusiasm," and the members of the Peace Society are laudably anxious to verify the aphorism. Unfortunately however this admirable quality is not always well directed, and the Society in question is conspicuous for its inattention to what a lawyer would call the rules of evidence. We have received from its Secretary two articles, which we presume are reprints from some journals, or more probably from the columns of its own organ, with a request for their insertion in the *China Mail*. That we do not see fit to comply with it, is owing to no want of respect for the end at which the Society aims.

It will be very delightful when the Lion lies down with the Lamb, and the Cockatrice lays her eggs beneath the peaceful protection of the Johnnion—or whatever other figure of speech suits the occasion—but that end must be laboured for in a spirit of honesty. We are not blind to the fact that the crochets of the Peace Society have done some good. But, on the other hand, they have done a good deal of harm, and the Russian war of 1858 was openly attributed by the late Emperor Nicholas of Russia to the untruthful representation of the three quakers who essayed to convey to him the feeling of the British nation. It may be urged that this is now a matter of history. But certain statements in the articles before us are unfortunately very much the reverse.

Under the caption of "Aborigines and Peace" the following somewhat startling exordium—startling to either readers of Hebrew history or of the events passing in our day—introduces us to the body of the article:—

History affords uniform and wide-spread confirmation of the inspired declaration respecting the Most High, that "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Not only amongst civilised nations does the operation of His Gospel, and of the pacific spirit of Christianity, "break the bow and cut the spear in sunder," but even amongst the most savage of aboriginal tribes, God is everywhere experienced to be the author of peace and not of warfare and confusion.

Of course this can be read in two ways. Christianity doubtless favours peace rather than war, though the bloodiest battles have generally taken place between Christian nations. But how the last sentence is to be defended we cannot say. Savage aboriginal tribes, as a rule, have no knowledge of the Almighty, and the accounts to hand of their numerous wars (which are plentiful enough) certainly do not argue any providential interposition in favour of peace. God is "the Author of Peace" to those who sincerely believe on him only, and to allege the contrary is to deny history and present experience.

The object of these articles appears to be an attack on the New Guinea expedition, which it classes with the kidnapping operations of the South Sea Island cruizers. Here again the Peace Society exaggerates to serve its own purposes. There is no talk at present of even any proposal to forcibly seize land occupied by the natives. But if there were, what does the Peace Society advise as a matter of that general policy which governs the destinies of tribes and nations? Let us assume that the Papuans show themselves bitterly hostile to any foreign arrivals. Are they to be left as untamable savages in detraction to the theory of their natural rights, or are they to be "civilized" by force in compliance with that universal law but for which the peace party, it may be observed, would never have had any existence? We suspect that, while all admit the theory to be just, the majority will insist that the latter alternative is most practical—wrong, perhaps, but necessary if New Guinea would be added to the civilized resources of the world. To put the question in its plainest form, let the Peace Society answer this question: Is it better that Australia and New Zealand should be as they now are, powerful centres of Anglo-Saxon energy, or that the brutish blacks of the one and the cannibal races of the other should still be in unmolested possession? If it answers the second proposition in the affirmative, the only remark to make is that the world does not agree with the Peace Society, and that the world, being the stronger of the two, the Society must give in. If, on the other hand, it admits that the countries named have benefited, it has nothing to stand on. We leave it to the dilemma.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Press remarks that, although it is by no means certain that the Yunnan investigation will not result merely in the condemnation of unimportant criminals, the degradation of Li Sitai is a rather more hopeful sign, and may be taken as an indication that the Chinese Government is conscious that Great Britain cannot be trifled with any further.

With regard to the safety of the Hon. W. Grosvenor and his colleagues, there is no longer cause for much anxiety. The British Government have made known their intention to send troops through Burma to meet them, and this guard will not only suffice for their protection but will give them added influence and weight at the Inquiry in Yunnan. Lo Han Chang has undoubtedly shown a disposition to do his work in an off-hand manner. In fact it is almost a wonder he has not gone much further and settled the affair, according to his own ideas, without more ado, leaving nothing for his British colleagues to do or say on their arrival but to acquiesce, or not, as they might think proper, in his work. But this may have arisen rather from ignorance than ill will. At all events the British Government has made known its demands and intends to exact the honest fulfilment. Whether the Chinese authorities fully recognize this fact or not it is impossible to say with certainty; but the action taken with respect to Li Sitai would seem to imply

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" Tail, 120 110

" Liver, catty 80 70

" Tripe (undressed), catty 40 30

Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 450

Hams, American, lb. 350 —

" Chinese, 200 160

" English, 400 380

Mutton Chop, 220 200

" Leg, 220 200

" Shoulder, 160 150

" Liver, 180 120

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 120 110

" Fry, 110 100

" Head, 110 100

" Heart, 70 60

" Kidneys, 70 60

" Liver, lb. 120 110

" Pork Chop, catty 180 160

" Corned, 150 140

" Leg, 160 150

" Fat or Lard, 120 110

Sheeps' Head and Feet, set 400 380

" Heart, 60 40

" Kidneys, 80 70

Sucking Pigs, 1500 1200

Veal, catty 120 120

Poultry.

Capon, catty 180 180

Ducks, catty 110 100

" Dried, 500 200

Eggs, Hen, 100 —

" Duck, 100 —

" Salt, 100 —

Fowls, catty 160 150

Geese, 120 110

Partridges, 280 200

Pheasants, Canton, live pair 1800 —

Pigeons, catty 140 180

Quail, 80 70

Snipe, 120 110

Teal, 140 130

Turkeys, Cook, catty 500 450

" Hen, 380 350

Wild Ducks, pair 800 —

Fish.

Bream, catty 110 100

Carp, 90 80

Codfish, salt, 200 180

Conjor Bell, 60 50

Crabs, 60 50

Cuttle Fish, 110 100

Dice, 80 70

Dog Fish, 110 80

Eels, 120 110

Fresh Fish, Large, 100 80

" Small, 200 150

Frogs, 120 110

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